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1. BASED ON REF. A, THE ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE REACHED A TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT AUGUST 3-4 WOULD BE THE BEST DATES FOR THE US-ASEAN TALKS. ASEAN GOVERNMENTS, HOWEVER, WERE TO CONFIRM THIS DECISION. WHILE NO DECISION WAS MADE AS TO WHICH MINISTERS WOULD BE INVOLVED, THE IMPLICATION IS THAT ASEAN IS NOW THINKING IN TERMS OF MINISTERIAL-LEVEL TALKS. AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY REACHED TO HOLD JOINT TALKS WITH US ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN MANILA MAY 30-31. WE
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WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ADDRESSEES POSTS CAN PROVIDE ON: (1) HOST GOVERNMENT REACTIONS TO THE RESULTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S MEETING, (2) WHEN WE CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION ON THE DATES AND LEVEL OF THE TALKS, AND (3) WHICH MINISTERS ARE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED. PLEASE EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING A DECISION SOON ON THE DATES AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, BECAUSE OF THE

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NEED TO SET SCHEDULES FOR TOP US PARTICIPANTS.

WE ALSO NEED SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE TALKS.

2. FOR MANILA: WE ASSUME THE GOP WILL EXTEND AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM ASEAN FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION TALKS IN MANILA MAY 30-31. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER THE SCHEDULE FOR THE ASEAN EXPERTS AND PREPARATORY MEETINGS AS PROPOSED BY MRS. MANALO (REF. B) HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. AS WE NOTED REF. C, ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION ASEAN CAN PROVIDE US ON PROJECT PROPOSALS THEY ARE CONSIDERING WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOINT MEETING. VANCE

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